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2. Japanese Patent No. 64-335, issued January 6, 1989 (with English Abstract).
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4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-64004, published March 13, 2001 (with English Abstract).

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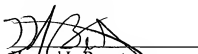
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